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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON URBAN GOVERNMENT,

NOVEMBER 9 TO DECEMBER 8, 1975

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1. DEPARTMENT OFFERS 30-DAY PROJECT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LEADERS, PLANNED IN COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, DESIGNED TO FAMILARIZE URBAN DECISION MAKERS WITH GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES AND ISSUES IN U.S. CITIES AND TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS AMONG VISITORS AND AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS.

2. QUALIFICATIONS: NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE MAJOR ROLE IN DETERMINATION OF URBAN POLICIES AND PRIORITIES IN THEIR CITIES, A BROAD INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE ON URBAN GOVERNMENT, AND COMMAND OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUFFICIENT FOR SEMINARS ON COMPLEX URBAN ISSUES. THEY SHOU6D BE LEADERS WITH BROAD RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERESTS, E.G., MAYORS, CITY MANAGERS, OTHER TOP-LEVEL CITY OFFICIALS, PROMINENT MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCILS, TOP LEADERS OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND SENIOR MEDIA COMMENTATORS ON URBAN PROBLEMS. PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR

GENUINELY LOCAL LEADERS RATHER THAN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH LOCAL ADMINISTRATION. THEY MAY NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS. IN NOMINATING, POSTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT IS RELEVANT TO GROUP OR INSTITUTION IDENTIFIED FOR EMPHASIS IN THE COUNTRY PROGRAM PROPOSAL AND FALLS WITHIN CPP PRIORITIES, OR SHOULD JUSTIFY ANY DEVIATION FROM CPP.

3. PROGRAM: INITIAL WEEK IN WASHINGTON WILL INCLUDE SEMINARS ON URBAN GOVERNMENT AND VISITS TO FEDERAL, LOCAL, AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. DURING MOST OF SECOND AND THIRD WEEKS, GROUP WILL DIVIDE INTO TWO OR MORE TEAMS FOR VISITS TO CITIES IN VARIOUS REGIONS. IN EACH CITY TEAMS WILL MEET CITY OFFICIALS, CITY COUNCIL-MEN, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIC AND NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND WILL OBSERVE URBAN DECISION-MAKING THROUGH ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCILS, SCHOOL UNCLASSIFIED

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BOARDS, ZONING AGENCIES, AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. SEVERAL VISITS WILL CONCENTRATE ON DISCUSSION OF ONE OR TWO URBAN ISSUES OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPANTS. ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE SEVERAL DAYS OF INDIVIDUALIZED TRAVEL EN ROUTE FROM WEST TO EAST COASTS AROUND NOVEMBER 27-30. WHEREVER POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, VISITS TO SISTER CITIES WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THIS PERIOD. DURING PART OF FINAL WEEK, GROUP WILL ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF

LEAGUE OF CITIES, IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY 2,000 AMERICAN CITY OFFICIALS. VISITORS WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE WORKING SESSIONS, MAJOR ADDRESSES, AND SOCIAL EVENTS AND PURSUE OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS IN MIAMI AREA. PROJECT EVALUATION SESSION WILL BE HELD IN MIAMI ON DECEMBER 4 OR 5.

4. COST: DOLS 1895 PLUS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, CHARGEABLE TO POST'S FY-1976 IV ALLOCATION. GRANT BENEFITS WILL BE SAME AS FOR INDIVIDUAL 30-DAY IV'S. COST SHARING IS ENCOURAGED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) POSTS INTERESTED IN NOMINATING FOR PROJECT SHOULD SO INFORM DEPT. BY CABLE SOONEST BUT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15. (2) NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES INCLUDING FULL REPEAT FULL BIODATA PER A-8585, 10/12/73 SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY DEPT. BY OCTOBER 1. THEY SHOULD DESCRIBE CANDIDATE'S ROLE, AND PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WITH WHICH HE OR SHE IS INVOLVED, AS WELL AS CANDIDATE'S SUGGESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALIZED TRAVEL. KISSINGER

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